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**NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS Etc.,**

**COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
GUNTUR**

**RC.No. 322/2022/C4(REVGNT-CSEC0MIS(MISC)/360/2023-SA(C4)-COLGNT).**

**Dt: 27-12-2024.**

CASTE STATUS VERIFICATION - GUNTUR DISTRICT - GUNTUR EAST MANDAL & TOWN - VERIFICATION OF "MALA-(SC)" CASTE CERTIFICATE OF Sri KANAPARTHI RAJU S/o MASTHAN BY DLSC - CANCELLATION OF "MALA-(SC)" CASTE CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO Sri KANAPARTHI RAJU S/o MASTHAN BY THE TAHSILDAR, GUNTUR VIDE MEE-SEVA VIDE APPLICATION No.CGC011923406103, DT: 08.07.2019 AND OTHER SC CASTE CERTIFICATES IF ANY OBTAINED BY HIM.

- Read: 1. Complaint of Sajja Lavanya, D/o Anajaneyulu, D.No.7-20-1-264, 26<sup>th</sup> lane, Sarada Colony, Guntur, dt.14.07.2022.
2. Rc.No.322/2022/C4, dt.23.07.2022 addressed to the RDO, Guntur.
3. Rc.No.2734/2022-B, dt.19.09.2022 of the RDO, Guntur.
4. This Office Form - V Notice RC. No.322/2022/C4, dt.21.10.2022.
5. R.C.No.B4/249/2015, dt. 06.02.2023 of the Deputy Director, Scheduled Caste Welfare & Empowerment Officer, Guntur.
6. Rc.No.2734/2022-B, dt.10.07.2023 of the RDO, Guntur.
7. Rc.No.322/2022/C4, dt.28.07.2023 addressed to the Tahsildar, Guntur East.
8. Rc.No.323/2022-C, dt.23.08.2023 of the Tahsildar, Guntur East.
9. This Office RC.No.322/2022-C4, dt.21.09.2023 addressed to the Tahsildar, Guntur East.
10. RC.No.323/2022-C, dt.06.01.2023 of the Tahsildar, Guntur East.

10. Findings of the DLSC., dt.09.02.2024.
11. This Office Notice dt.29.02.2024.
12. Representation dt.18.03.2024 of Sri Kanaparthi Raju S/o Masthan, the respondent.
13. Note orders of the Collector & District Magistrate, dt. 18.03.2024.
14. This Office Notice dt.24.09.2024.
15. Written arguments dt.05.10.2024 of Sri Kanaparthi Raju S/o Masthan, the respondent.

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**ORDER:-**

Smt.Sajja Lavanya, D/o Anjaneyulu has filed a complaint that Sri Kanaparthi Raju, resident of D.No.19-15-125, Revenue Ward-33 of Sri Krishna Nagar, Priyadarsini Colony and his family members have their origin in Christian Community and also stated that the individuals are following the customs and rituals of the Christianity,etc.,

The Complainant further stated that Sri Kanaparthi Raju, his wife Kanaparthi Kusumala and their family members hail from Christian Community – BC-C and also stated that Sri Kanaparthi Yesudasu, brother of Sri Kanaparthi Raju and his wife also hails from Christian Community.

The Complainant has made the following allegations on Sri Kanaparthi Raju and his family members :

- The complainant duly enclosing the marriage photographs of Sri Kanaparthi Raju, stated that the individual marriage was held in the St. Mathews Luthern West Parish Church following the customs of Christianity and further stated that he obtained Hindu Mala – SC Caste Certificate and enjoying the benefits of State and Central Government Schemes.
- Kanaparthi Mastan, F/o Kanaparthi Raju worked in the Municipal Office, Guntur and after his demise he was cremated in Christian Burial Ground of Anandpet following the customs and traditions of the Christianity and further stated that Sri Kanaparthi Raju and his brother Kanaparthi Yesudasu occasionally visit the burial ground to offer prayers to their father's mortal. **(However this allegation was proved false)**
- Kanaparthi Raju pursued degree and Bachelor of Technical Education by enjoying the provisions provided to the SC Caste students and also enjoyed various other SC welfare schemes by deceiving the Government.
- Kanaparthi Raju, from his SSC to B.tech education enjoyed all the benefits reserved for the Mala SC Caste students although he is hailing for Christian BC-C Community.

The complaint was forwarded to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur to conduct a detailed enquiry and to submit report in the matter.

Meanwhile, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur informed that the Tahsildar, Guntur East submitted a report stating that Smt Sajja Lavanya D/o. Anjaneyulu has filed a petition stating that Sri Kanaparthi Raju S/o Mastan of Krishna Nagar, Indira Priyadarshini Colony, Guntur belongs to Christianity(BC-C) and his family members were born in Christian religion, practicing Christian

culture and traditions and his wife Smt Kanaparathi Kusuma and her family members also belong to Christianity(BC-C), his brother Sri Kanaparathi Yesu Dasu and his family members also following Christian culture and traditions, worshiping/adoring the God Jesus Christ. Further reported that as the above individuals come under the category of Christianity (BC-C), but they are utilizing all Government schemes under Hindu Mala(SC) by deceiving Government.

Finally, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur requested to place the matter before the DLSC for confirming the caste of the individual as requested by the Tahsildar, Guntur East.

The Collector & District Magistrate referred the matter to the DLSC. Accordingly the DLSC under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector issued notice to the Complainant and respondent to attend before the DLSC for enquiry. Accordingly the Complainant and respondents attended for the enquiry on 05.11.2022 and submitted their respective written arguments.

The District Social Welfare & Empowerment Officer, Guntur, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur and the Tahsildar, Guntur East were directed to cause discrete enquiry in person strictly in accordance with Circular Memo No.10956/CV.1/97-2, dt.16.02.1998 with reference to the allegations made by the complainant and submit report without any ambiguity.

Accordingly, the DSCW &EO, Guntur submitted his report confirming that Sri Kanaparathi Raju belongs to Christian (BC-C) since the family members are following traditions and customs of Christian religion.

The RDO, Guntur stated that the marriage of Sri Kanaparathi Raju, the respondent was performed in a church duly following the Christian religious traditions and the family members are following Christian traditions but the caste of the respondent is entered as SC-Mala in the school records, therefore the matter may be decided by the DLSC.

The Tahsildar, Guntur East submitted a report stating that Sri Degala Ratnam, Parish Pastor, who worked as Church pastor in St.Mathew's East Parish church, Gun Compound, Kothapet, Guntur from 2015 to 2020 and at present working as pastor in St. Thomas Luthern Church, Israelpet, Guntur reported that Sri Kanaparathi Raju, the respondent is a member of St.Thomas Luthern Church and he is participating in prayer on every Sunday and he also informed that he performed marriage of Sri Kanaparathi Raju on 22.07.2019 as per Christian religion traditions, at the time of marriage Sri Kanaparathi Raju taken baptism before the elders, after taking baptism with the consent of the elders the marriage they performed as per Christian traditions.

Finally, the Tahsildar, Guntur East reported that as per the information given by the Church Pastor, it is clearly established that Sri Kanaparthi Raju taken baptism and following the customs traditions of Christianity and also performed his marriage by following Christianity, hence it is revealed that Sri Kanaparthi Raju, the respondent is following Christianity.

In a similar matter, Sri Reddy Malleswara Rao, resident of Tenali town furnished the endorsement dt.18.12.2019 issued by the Under Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, wherein it is clarified that as per para 3 of the constitution (SCs) order 1950 amended from time to time, no person who professing a religion different from the Hindu religion shall be deemed to be a member of Scheduled Caste. This is also available on the public domain on the official website of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on the link <http://socialjustice.nic.in>.

In view of the above rule of law, Sri Kanaparthi Raju, the respondent herein is not entitled to be considered as Hindu - Mala (SC).

The Tahsildar, Guntur East submitted his report after conducting discrete enquiry and opined that Sri Kanaparthi Raju, the respondent is following Christianity and attending to Christian churches regularly and there is no evidence in support of his claim otherwise.

The District Level Scrutiny Committee therefore opined that Sri Kanaparthi Raju is following Christian traditions as per the discrete enquiry conducted by all the officers. Hence it is established that Sri Kanaparthi Raju, the respondent is a Christian but not Hindu-Mala (SC).

Accordingly the then District Level Scrutiny Committee recommended for cancellation of "Mala-(SC)" caste certificate issued to Sri Kanaparthi Raju S/o Masthan by the Tahsildar, Guntur vide Mee-Seva vide application No.CGC011923406103, dt.08.07.2019 and other SC caste certificates if any obtained by him.

Agreeing with the recommendations of the DLSC a Notice dt.29.02.2024 was issued by the then Collector, Guntur to both the complainant and the respondent to show cause why the "Mala-(SC)" caste certificate issued to Sri Kanaparthi Raju S/o Masthan by the Tahsildar, Guntur vide Mee-Seva vide

application No.CGC011923406103, dt.08.07.2019 should not be cancelled, basing on the recommendations of the DLSC.

Accordingly Sri Kanaparthi Raju, the respondent had appeared before the District Collector along with his father Sri Kanaparthi Masthan on 18.03.2024, wherein Sri Kanaparthi Masthan has filed his written contentions that he has a wife and two children, he worked in Guntur Municipality and after his retirement now he is getting pension but one person by name Sajja Lavanya filed a false complaint against his son Sri Kanaparthi Raju alleging that his son is following Christianity, his father died and his father's cremation is also done at Anandpet of Guntur town duly following Christian customs. Hence requested to take action against Sajja Lavanya who made false allegation.

Hence the then District Collector ordered that **"DLSC may re-examine the case in view of the objection filed to the extent objection filed."**

In pursuance of the instructions issued by the then District Collector, the present DLSC issued notice to the complainant and the respondent with a direction to attend before the DLSC on 05.10.2024 at 11.00 AM and adduce evidence.

The respondent and the complainant were present before the DLSC on 05.10.2024 at 11.00 AM, the respondent filed his written statement as follows:

- That he filed a criminal complaint against Sri Dama Sivaprasad, Proprietor, Nandana Foods at Lalapet police station of Guntur Town which was register as FIR No. 397/2022 under SC,ST Act.
- Subsequently, Sri Dama Sivaprasad with the assistance of Sajja Lavanya filed a false complaint against him that he is professing Christian religion, his father Sri Kanaparthi Masthan died and the cremation was conducted as per Christian religious customs and Christian prayers also conducted at the burial ground every year, but in fact his father is alive.
- That he and his ancestors are following Hindu religious customs and visiting 'Tirupathi' and 'Sabarimala' temples.
- The respondent therefore requested to declare him as belonging to "Scheduled Caste" and take action against Sajja Lavanya who filed a false complaint against him.

The Complainant categorically stated that her main contention is that Sri Kanaparthi Raju S/o Masthan, the respondent is professing Christian religion along with his family members and this fact is also established during the enquiry conducted by the Revenue authorities and the officials of the Social Welfare Department and therefore she requested to cancel the SC caste certificate obtained by Sri Kanaparthi Raju for which he is not entitled. On the other hand she regretted that she had falsely mentioned that Sri Kanaparthi Masthan, the father of the respondent died. But she reiterated that the family members of Sri Kanaparthi Raju belong to Christian religion by virtue of their traditions and customs they are following.

The DLSC discussed the contents of the statement given by Sri Kanaparthi Raju, wherein he stated that he and his ancestors are following Hindu religion and visiting Hindu temples. The DLSC opined that no new evidence is filed by the respondent in support of his claim. On the other hand the DLSC noticed that the Tahsildar, Guntur East who is the competent authority in his report dt.06.01.2024 categorically reported that Sri Kanaparthi Raju is a member of St.Thomas Luthern church, he is attending church and conducting prayers, he was baptized and his marriage was performed on 22.07.2019 as per Christian religious customs by the Christian pastors. The Tahsildar, Guntur East further reported that Sri Kanaparthi Raju having taken baptism is professing Christian religion. Therefore he is a Christian.

The DLSC further opined that the then DLSC had thoroughly considered the report of the Tahsildar, Guntur East and the report of the DSCW & EO, Social Welfare Department and rightly rejected the claim made by the respondent that his family members are following Hindu religion and accordingly submitted its recommendations to the then District Collector for cancellation of the SC caste certificate issued to Sri Kanaparthi Raju.

On the objection filed by Sri Kanaparthi Masthan F/o the respondent, the present DLSC conducted fresh hearing on 05.10.2024 and noticed that the claim made by the complainant that Sri Kanaparthi Masthan had died and his cremation was performed as per Christian religious customs is false which is admitted by the complainant also before the DLSC on 05.10.2024. The

complainant however stated that her main contention is about the claim made by Sri Kanaparthi Raju as Hindu SC despite the fact that he was baptized and he is actively professing Christian religion and having got married by Christian pastors as per Christian religious customs.

The DLSC therefore finally came to a conclusion that Sri Kanaparthi Raju S/o Masthan, the respondent herein is professing Christian religion and therefore he is not entitled to hold Hindu SC certificate as per the presidential order 1950 of the Indian Constitution and Circular Memo No.10956/CV.1/97-2, dt.16.02.1998 of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Social Welfare (CV) Department and G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare (J2) dt.12.05.1997 and accordingly decided to submit its recommendation to the District Collector, Guntur for cancellation of "Mala-(SC)" caste certificate issued to Sri Kanaparthi Raju S/o Masthan by the Tahsildar, Guntur vide Mee-Seva vide application No.CGC011923406103, dt.08.07.2019 and other SC caste certificates if any obtained by him.

After going through the entire record, it is concluded that the recommendations of the Dist.Level Scrutiny Committee on canceling the "Mala-(SC)" caste certificate issued in favour of Sri Kanaparthi Raju S/o Masthan by the Tahsildar, Guntur vide Mee-Seva vide application No.CGC011923406103, dt.08.07.2019 is acceptable as per the guidelines prescribed by the Govt. in G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare Department dt.12.5.1997 and Circular Memo No.10956/CV.1/97-2, dt.16.02.1998 of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Social Welfare (CV) Department and the endorsement dt.18.12.2019 issued by the Under Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, wherein it is clarified that as per para 3 of the constitution (SCs) order 1950 amended from time to time, no person who professing a religion different from the Hindu religion shall be deemed to be a member of Scheduled Caste. This also available on the public domain on the official website of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on the link <http://socialjustice.nic.in>.

In view of the above, I, Nagalakshmi.S, I.A.S., the Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur in exercise of the powers conferred U/s.5(1) of the A.P.(SC., ST., & B.C.) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificate Act 16 of 1993, read with rule 9(7) of A.P.(S.C., S.T. & B.C.) Issue of Community, Nativity & Date of

Birth Certificate Rules 1977, communicated vide G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare (J) Dept., dt.12.5.1997 hereby cancelled the "Mala-(SC)" caste certificate issued to Sri Kanaparthi Raju S/o Masthan by the Tahsildar, Guntur vide Mee-Seva application No.CGC011923406103, dt.08.07.2019 and other SC caste certificates if any obtained by him.

A notification to this effect shall be published in the A.P.State Gazette.

An appeal against this order lies to the Government within 30 days from the date of publication of this order in the AP State Gazette.

**NAGALAKSHMI S,**  
*Collector & District Magistrate,*  
*Guntur.*

To

Sri Kanaparthi Raju, S/o Masthan, D.No.19-15-125, Sai Krishna Nagar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Line,  
I.P.D. Colony, Guntur.  
Smt Sajja Lavanya D/o Anjaneyulu, D.No.7-20-1264, Sarada Colony 26<sup>th</sup> Line,  
Guntur.

### **NOTIFICATION**

In view of the recommendations of the District Level Scrutiny Committee and in exercise of powers conferred under section 5 (1) of the A.P. (SC, ST & BCs) Regulation of Issue of community certificates Act 16 of 1993 r/w Sub-Rule (7) of Rule 9 of A.P. (SC, ST & BCs) issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate Rules, 1997 communicated vide G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare (J) Department, Dt: 12-5-1997, I, Naglakshmi.S, I.A.S., Collector and District Magistrate, Guntur do hereby cancel the "Mala-(SC)" caste certificate issued to Sri Kanaparthi Raju S/o Masthan by the Tahsildar, Guntur vide Mee-Seva vide application No.CGC011923406103, dt.08.07.2019 and other SC caste certificates if any obtained by him, with immediate effect duly declaring that the individual does not belong to "Mala-(SC)" community.

**NAGALAKSHMI S,**  
*Collector & District Magistrate,*  
*Guntur.*

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